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IN REMEMBRANCE

IF LOVE A DEET CAN PAY AS WELL AS GOLD, THINK ME NOT BOLD WHEN I SEEK TO RETURN, BY LOVING, ALL I LEARN OF NATURE EVERY DAY

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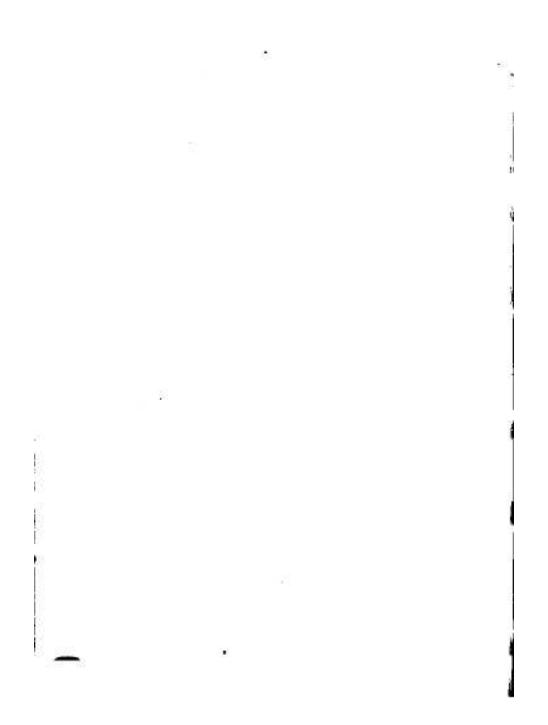
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#### A NEW ENGLAND MAY-DAY

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"That it was May, thus dramede me." Romaunt of the Rose.

Do you know the tale of the months, the ancient Bohemian legend, — how by a fire which never goes out, sit twelve silent men each with a staff in his hand? The cloaks of three are white as snow, and three are green like the spring willow, and three are gold as the ripened grain, and three are blood-red like wine. The fire that never fails is the sun; the silent men are the months of the year. Each in his turn stirs the fire with his staff ; for each has his office, and if one month should sleep and a turn be made amiss,

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